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Title: METALLIC COMPOSITE COATING  
FOR DELIVERY OF THERAPEUTIC  
AGENTS FROM THE SURFACE OF  
IMPLANTABLE DEVICES

Art Unit: 1742

Atty Docket No.: 51298-00001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR APPLICATIONS RELATING TO BIOTECHNOLOGY FILED BY  
APPLICANTS WHO ARE SMALL ENTITIES UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(h)

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because a small entity status has been established, and the subject of the patent application is related to biotechnology and is a major asset of the small entity. The development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed.

The accompanying ☐ affidavit ☒ declaration by the

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explains establishment of small entity and the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$130 or any fee which may be required in connection with this Petition to deposit account No. 50-3207.

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